

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A chipper apparatus comprising:

a disc rotatable about a rotation axis and including a knife side, wherein the axis passes through the knife side;

a wear plate fastened on the knife side;

a clamp disposed on the knife side axially between the disc and the wear plate and being movable relative to the disc;

a knife disposed between the clamp and the wear plate and extending in a projecting direction;

a compressing element arranged for exerting a clamping force on the clamp in a direction substantially parallel to the rotation axis and away from the disc to cause the clamp to urge the knife away from the disc and against the wear plate;

the wear plate including a groove having a first surface, and the clamp including a bracket portion extending into the groove, wherein the bracket portion bears against the first surface when the clamping force is applied to the clamp; and

the clamp including a second surface extending transversely of the projecting direction of the knife and against which a portion of the knife is supported.

16. (Previously Presented) The chipper apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the bracket portion bears against the groove's first surface by means of the clamp's second surface.

17. (Previously Presented) The chipper apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the clamp includes a projection received in a notch of the knife, the notch arranged between a tip end of the knife and an inner end of the knife, the projection arranged to transmit the clamping force to the knife.

18. (Previously Presented) The chipper apparatus according to claim 17 wherein the clamp's second surface is formed by the projection.